

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Please insert the following paragraph before the first sentence of the specification at page 1, line 1:

This application is the national phase application under 35 U.S.C. §371 of International Application No. PCT/FI2004/000085 filed on February 24, 2004, entitled, "Method For Recovery Of Zinc By Countercurrent Leaching" which claims the benefit of Finnish Patent Application No. 20030285 filed on February 26, 2003.